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Sir:


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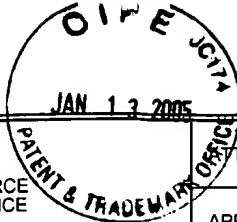
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		9-55350	02/25/1997	Japan	Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)					
		Japanese Office Action dated August 17, 2004, issued in corresponding Japanese patent application number 10-184240, with partial English translation.			
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